

BLM Office: Phoenix Field Office

Proposed Action: Road R/W

Location of

Proposed Action: T. 13 N., R. 1 E., sec. 4, lots 16 and 18.

Applicant: Vanessa K. Hunter

Address: 7839 Las Flores

Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314

Conformance With Applicable Land Use Plan:

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan:

The Phoenix Resource Management Plan (RMP). Date Approved: September 29, 1989. This plan has been reviewed to determine if the proposed action conforms with the land use plan terms and conditions as required by 43 CFR 1610.5.

Remarks: The proposed action is in conformance with the RMP. Page 15, RMP "*Land use authorizations (rights-of-way, leases, permits, easements) will continue to be issued on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with decisions established in this RMP/EIS.*"

Need for Proposed Action: Ms. Hunter has a need for the right-of-way for ingress and egress to her property. Ms. Hunter is seeking legal and physical access to her property which is surrounded by public lands.

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed road would be approximately 426' in length and 20' wide. Two 20" culverts will be installed in order to cross the unnamed wash approximately 300' into the project. The right-of-way is for a requested term of 30 years.

Alternatives: The NO ACTION alternative was considered but rejected. Ms Hunter has a need for the right-of-way, in order to obtain access to her property

Environmental Impacts:

<u>Critical Elements</u>	<u>Affected</u>		<u>Critical Elements</u>	<u>Affected</u>	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Air Quality		x	T&E Species		x
ACECs		x	Wastes, Hazardous		x
Cultural Resources		x	Water Quality	x	
Farmland, Prime/Unique		x	Wetlands/Riparian		x
Floodplains		x	Wild & Scenic Rivers		x
Nat. Amer. Rel. Concerns		x	Wilderness		x
Environmental Justice		x	Invasive/Non-native		

Standards for Rangeland
Health

x
x

Plants (Weeds)

x

Cumulative Impacts: None

Description of Impacts: The environmental impacts would be minor, and would occur only during construction. It has been determined by resource specialists that the proposed action will not have a direct or indirect impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution.

Description of Mitigation Measures and Residual Impacts:

1. All applicable regulations in accordance with 43 CFR 2800.
2. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder or any person working on the holders behalf, on public or federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made the authorized officer to determine the appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of the evaluation and any decision as to the proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.
3. The holder shall furnish and install culverts of the gauge, material, diameter(s), and length(s) indicated and approved by the authorized officer. Culverts shall be free of corrosion, dents, or other deleterious conditions. Culverts shall be placed on channel bottoms on firm, uniform beds which have been shaped to accept them and aligned to minimize erosion. Backfill shall be thoroughly compacted. No equipment shall be routed over a culvert until backfill depth is adequate to protect the culverts.
4. The minimum diameter for culverts shall be 18 inches.
5. Holder shall maintain the right-of-way in a safe, usable condition, as directed by the authorized officer. (A regular maintenance program shall include, but is not limited to, blading, ditching, culvert installation and surfacing).

If the mitigation measures identified above are implemented then the residual impacts associated with construction and maintenance of the right-of-way will be minor.

Persons/Agencies Consulted: Vanessa K. and David Hunter, BLM staff

Preparer: /s/ Linda L. Mullenix
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Land Law Examiner, PFO

Date: 06/07/2005

Reviewing Official: /s/ J V Andersen
Jim Andersen
Lands Team Lead, PFO

Date: 06/07/2005

Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Record.

I have reviewed this environmental assessment including the explanation and resolution of any significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action with mitigating measures described above will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. This action will not have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution.

It is my decision to implement the project with the mitigation measures described above.

/s/ J V Andersen
For Field Manager, PFO

Date: 06/07/2005